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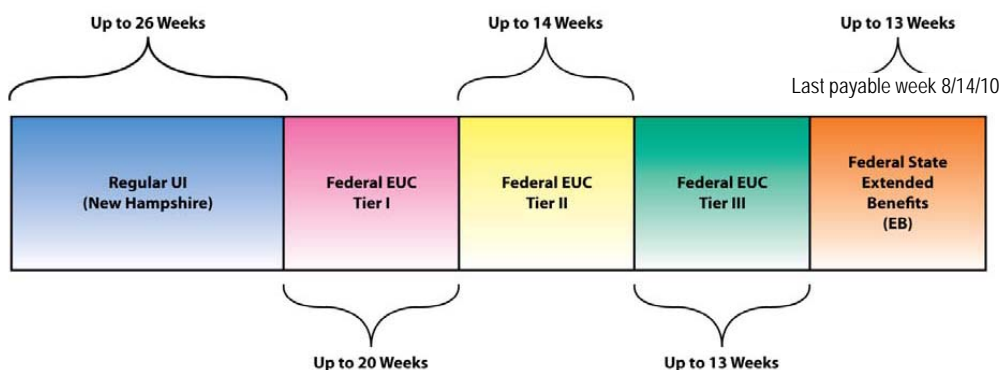
## NH Triggers off Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB) Program Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Benefits Deadline Extended

**CONCORD** – The last payable week for New Hampshire Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB) is week ending August 14, 2010. The EB Program provided an additional 13 weeks of benefits to those individuals who exhausted their regular state Unemployment Insurance benefits and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits.

The US Department of Labor's guidelines allow states to trigger onto Extended Benefits when their 3 - month moving average seasonally adjusted unemployment rate exceeds 6.5 percent. New Hampshire triggered onto Extended Benefits on August 2, 2009. New Hampshire's June 2010 unemployment rate of 5.9 percent brought the state's 3-month average below 6.5 percent, causing the state to trigger off the EB program.

Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits are still available for claimants who are eligible. The new legislation that was recently passed did not add more weeks of benefits; it extended the eligibility deadline. The total number of weeks of EUC benefits available in New Hampshire at the present time is 47. There are 3 Tiers of benefits involved, Tier 1 for 20 weeks, Tier 2 for 14 weeks and Tier 3 for 13 weeks. The New Hampshire unemployment rate is not high enough to make Tier 4, an additional 13 weeks, available.

The timeline of unemployment benefits and duration are indicated in the chart below.



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